

# The Wheelie\*

\*Online Version

A letter from  
one Editor,

*A bi-weekly newsletter  
by and for the community*

The intentions in the creation of this newsletter is to provide a space as intimate geography for the biking community here in Detroit.

Intimate Geography, a term from Tiya Mile's book on slavery in Detroit's first century, Dawn of Detroit. It represents the potential energy community groups can harness when they share space, creating opportunities for jostling and momentum.

Intimate geography is demonstrated by the River, a space shared in common, our mutual dependence connecting us through time and space,

The Wheelie, Online Edition is intended to be released bi-weekly, a space for sharing our experiences of bicycling in Detroit through a past-present-future lense.

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We intend for the community to contribute to The Wheelie- sharing past experiences and future dreams of bicycling in Detroit. It will be a generative process, cultivating this space as a magnet for those of similar values.

For example, we seek reflections of events like [Babes on Bikes Rides](#), or [Crocodile Tears Race](#) held by [Krytonite](#) and the [Freak-For-All](#), or other events that you participate in with the intent of sharing it through the Wheelie.

The Wheelie could be a space to share pressures we face in the biking community, in order to find ways to face those pressures together. A space for our community to direct future energies towards.

But mostly, this is a space for connecting over what we love, value and create movement.

Thanks,  
One of the Editors, Z

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RESOURCE EXCHANGE

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how to  
participate:

Please email  
any  
contributions  
for the  
Wheelie

please have  
conversations  
with your bicycle  
community  
about the  
Wheelie

please love  
bicycling

please love  
yourself

Please email  
feedback on  
newsletter

Please map your  
Community  
Capital

COMMUNITY  
CORNER: Z

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Biking, especially in Detroit, is when I feel the most free. I connect to my historical missions more tactically on my bike.

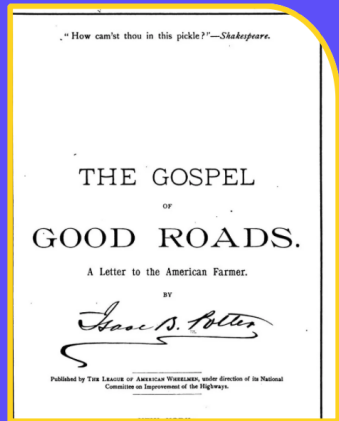
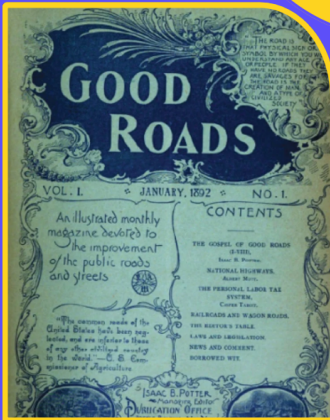
I bike for adventure, biking is the most political thing I do. My mission is to restore the biking of the past. I work to bring elements of the past to the present.

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This early bicycle race scene was published by the Calverton Library in 1895.

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Extreme bicycling, 1943 style.  
The Detroit News Archives

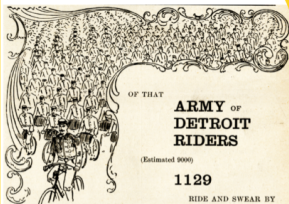
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all bikes in Detroit were Ramblers, but we haven't verified



OF THAT

**ARMY OF  
DETROIT  
RIDERS**

(Estimated 9000)

**1129**

HIDE AND SWEAR BY

**RAMBLER BICYCLES.**

ENLIST AND JOIN THE RANKS.

There are 47 different makes of bicycles sold in Detroit. Notice that Rambler percentage.  
Catalogues—all about them—free. Riding Academy free to purchasers.

**GORMULLY & JEFFERY MFG. CO., - 201 Woodward Avenue.**

P. S.—Ramblers cost no more than any other good wheel.

In 1896, Gormully & Jeffrey gave away gold

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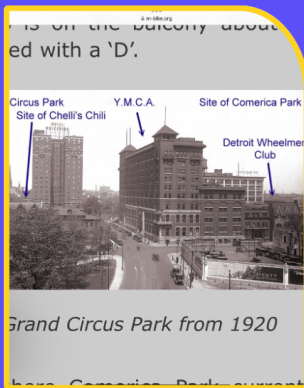
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Resources:

Detroit's Greenway Coalition

Group Bike Riding Bridge Detroit

Back Alley Bike: Resource Exchange

Biking Movies: Detroit Story Shaper Productions

Biking as Pathway: Biking History